

Application for Student Grant for 2019/20 school year to close at end of this month

A spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) today (June 12) said that in light of the earlier class suspension and gradual class resumption in phases since the end of May, the deadline for application for the Student Grant of \$3,500 for secondary day-school, primary school and kindergarten students in the 2019/20 school year has been extended to June 30, with a view to providing more time for parents to submit applications.

The spokesman appealed to parents and schools that if they have not yet submitted applications to the EDB, they should return the application forms as soon as possible before the deadline.

As regards the overall progress of disbursement of the Student Grant, the spokesman said that payment had already been made to over 80 per cent of the applications. The EDB has been following up with some of the applicants for rectification of incorrect or incomplete information on their application forms.

He said, "To date, we have received a total of about 867 000 applications, among which about 724 000 parents of eligible students have already received the grant. As for the remaining cases, they are mainly with incorrect or incomplete information (e.g. inaccurate bank account number). We are now actively following up with the schools and parents concerned."

The EDB has issued emails to the parents concerned to inform them of their application status. Computer-generated copies of the application details in question will be sent to parents through schools in batches for parents to amend or provide the information as required. The EDB appeals to the parents concerned to return the amended or supplementary information to the schools as soon as possible so that the EDB could further expedite processing the applications.

For details of the Student Grant, please visit the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/support-subsidies/student-grant/index.html). If individual parents have further enquiries on their applications, please contact the Special Duties Office of the EDB via email (spdoenquiry@edb.gov.hk) or the hotline (3850 2000).